

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 6 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and add new Claims 7 to 18 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 6. (Canceled)

7. (New) A communication apparatus that provides a service to an external device via a network, comprising:

a plurality of network connection units that are connected to the network;

and

a control unit that (a) notifies to the external device a plurality of IP addresses assigned to the plurality of network connection units, respectively, (b) selects from the plurality of IP addresses an IP address selected by the external device, and (c) releases the plurality of IP addresses except the selected IP address,

wherein the communication apparatus provides the service to the external device via the network using the selected IP address.

8. (New) The communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the control unit notifies, to the external device, which IP address has priority for the service.

9. (New) The communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the service includes an image recording service.

10. (New) The communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the service includes a file management service.

11. (New) The communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the network conforms to UPnP (Universal Plug and Play).

12. (New) The communication apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the external device is a control point on the network.

13. (New) A method of controlling a communication apparatus that provides a service to an external device via a network, the communication apparatus including a plurality of network connection units connected to the network, the method performed by the communication apparatus and comprising the steps of:

notifying to the external device a plurality of IP addresses assigned to the plurality of network connection units, respectively;

selecting from the plurality of IP addresses an IP address selected by the external device;

releasing the plurality of IP addresses except the selected IP address; and

providing the service to the external device via the network using the selected IP address.

14. (New) The method according to claim 13, further comprising the step of notifying, to the external device, which IP address has priority for the service.

15. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the service includes an image recording service.

16. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the service includes a file management service.

17. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the network conforms to UPnP (Universal Plug and Play).

18. (New) The method according to claim 17, wherein the external device is a control point on the network.